

# U.S. Leadership

- The U.S. is uniquely qualified to:

- Marshal forces

- Channel energies of the global economy

- Reinforce democratic ideals and values

- Enhance American security



# *America and Its Military*



- We have seen a steady decline in citizen interaction and experience with the military
  - Fewer Americans with military experience
  - Fewer community leaders with experience



# The Challenge



- Smaller force serving
- Fewer opportunities to interact
- To Understand how military benefits society

# Guardians of Our Freedom

- Men and women in uniform-- our most valuable asset
- They implement national security
- They safeguard freedoms
- We must recognize value of their contributions

